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September 27, 2019

Mr. Taylor Amarel Scott  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552  
Request No. **19-03000-FOIA**

Dear Mr. Scott:

This letter refers to your August 28, 2019 FOIA request for "any and all records that detail the number of lawsuits that have been filed against the [SEC] due to alleged delays in processing Whistleblower Awards." You qualify this request by stating:

If there is not a record available with this number, please endeavor to provide similar information, including but not limited to:

- 1.) The annual number of lawsuits against the [SEC];
- 2.) The number of writ of mandamus claims against the [SEC];
- 3.) Scans/copies of all writ of mandamus claims that have been filed against the [SEC] since the start of the Whistleblower Program.
- 4.) Any other documents that would shed light on the number of times the SEC has been sued for alleged delays in processing Whistleblower Awards and the time spend by SEC staff to respond to these claims.

In processing your request I am consulting with the Office of the General Counsel. I hope to have a response from that office soon. In the interim if you have any questions, you can contact me at [sifordm@sec.gov](mailto:sifordm@sec.gov) or (202)551-7201. You may also contact the SEC's FOIA Public Service Center at [foiapa@sec.gov](mailto:foiapa@sec.gov) or (202) 551-7900. For further assistance you can contact a SEC

FOIA Public Liaison by calling (202) 551-7900 or visiting  
<https://www.sec.gov/oso/help/foia-contact.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Siford', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark P. Siford  
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